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RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

**TPUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation
Pursuant to FTA '96 § 214(e) (2)**

**TPUC Docket No. 34881 – Application of Express Cash and Phone, Inc
d/b/a Talk Now Telco for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier and Eligible Telecommunications Provider**

ETC Designation of Express Cash and Phone

Pursuant to Section 214(e) (2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. sections 54.201 – 54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation to Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco. The attached *Order No. 3*, Docket No. 34881, issued on November 26, 2007, grants Talk Now Telco ETC designation in the study area of AT&T Texas effective

November 26, 2007. AT&T Texas is a non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

If you require any additional information please call Meena Thomas at (512)-936-7344.

Sincerely,

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